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Pancake Tuesday!

Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

The Breakfast Program at St. Jean de Brebeuf School served up pancakes, for Shrove Tuesday, Mar. 4.

St. Jean de Brebeuf School has a Breakfast Program that serves a healthy breakfast to the whole school, every Tuesday and Thursday.

On March 4, the Breakfast Program and its volunteers served up pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

Organizer Benedita Wilkerson and her team of parent volunteers had some special help for the event. Grade 8 students assisted - and Bradford's Walmart Supercentre not only donated all of the pancake batter, 3 griddles, 10 ladles, and 12 trays, they sent along 4 volunteers to

help cook and serve pancakes, syrup and butter, including store manager Vince Brusco.

"Right now, we're (supporting) the Breakfast Club in Canada," said Brusco, as he flipped pancakes. He noted that his store has raised over \$5000 for breakfast programs, "which will be matched by the company... It's an opportunity to give back to the community."

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Agreement signed

"What we're looking at here, folks, is nothing less than the Town's future... It's a big, big day."

With those words, Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White introduced the final version of the Early Payment Agreement #3 for ratification by Council, on March 4, an agreement through which a group of residential developers agree to up-front \$190 million in infrastructure costs.

"We've certainly come a long way with this Early Payment Agreement," Mayor White said, noting that it took almost 3 years to negotiate. "This opens up a significant opportunity for us." The Developers have agreed to upfront the costs of roads, water and wastewater infrastructure not only for planned residential development, but the non-residential (Industrial/Commercial) share, allowing the Town to bring servicing to the employment lands along Hwy. 400 - and the benefit-to-existing residents, or taxpayers' share.

The developers will also upfront an additional \$11.7 million, to cover the Town of Innisfil's portion of the cost of expanding the Innisfil Lakeshore Water Treatment plant - which, under a municipal water-sharing agreement, the Town of BWC would otherwise have to pay.

In return, the Town commits to paying back the \$11.7 million by 2018, the \$54 million in non-residential levies by the end of 2025 - and to ensuring that the signatories have first rights to servicing, with the exception of 200 units held for special or infilling projects.

Deputy Mayor Rob Keffler was opposed.

"I have some concerns," he said. "There is \$54 million that will have to be paid back in 12 years time. To me that is quite a challenge."

Keffler pointed out that the Town would have to develop nearly 400,000 sq. ft. of new industrial per year, to cover the costs, but "there aren't the large-scale manufacturing plants being built."

He also objected to the signatories to the Early Payment Agreement being given "special consideration" for the allocation of servicing, in return for their money. "I represent all the taxpayers... That's why I can't support this Early Payment Agreement."

Councillor Gary Lamb was also opposed,

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Gold medal fundraiser at Don Cherry's



Don Cherry's Sports Grill on Dissette St. in Bradford opened its doors early for the Gold Medal Men's Hockey game between Canada and Sweden, in Sochi on Feb. 23 - but turned the event into a community celebration, and a fundraiser. The restaurant opened its doors shortly after 6 a.m., and invited families to come in to watch the Gold Medal game and enjoy a continental buffet breakfast - free. "We had a full house," said owner-operator Eric Fex, "and we asked everyone to make a small monetary donation to the food bank." The result? The event raised \$1000 for the Helping Hand food bank. "It was truly a great community event!" said Fex. From left, Giuseppe Strazzeri of Bradford Social Network, Rick Brooks, Alvin Belanger of the Food Bank, Eric Fex, and Michael Lambert of Vinyl Obsessed.

With Early Payment Agreement #3 in place, the clock ticking to bring servicing to the Hwy 400 Employment lands, and a list of priority projects approved by Council, the Town has had to take a second look at its 5-year capital plan.

To speed up servicing of the 400 lands, certain projects will have to be moved forward to 2014-15. The changes in scheduling add \$5,727 million to the 2014-15 capital budget - while reducing the budgets in 2016-18.

On March 4, Council was asked to approve the changes, and to add two projects to the list - the Bond Head Water Tower, and a stretch of watermain along 5 Sideroad, between County Rd. 88 and the 8th Line.

Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer

was opposed, and proposed an amendment that would remove the Water Town and 5 Sideroad watermain from the list of projects. He noted that residents along 5 Sideroad were unaware "this is in front of their property" disrupting their yards and driveways. He also pointed out that a good portion of the two projects is for the benefit of development that won't take place until 2031, or beyond.

"We can get industrial development on the Hwy. 400... just with the waterline we have now (along 88)," he insisted. "I don't think it's necessary to have these two items in this report at this time."

But Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee explained that both the water tower and 5 SR watermain were

needed to provide servicing for portions of the Hwy. 400 lands, especially "MZO3" - the northernmost section - and were included so that the design work could be completed as one package.

The projects won't necessarily be going ahead immediately; it will be up to Council, in future budgets, to decide when the works are actually built - but if Council removes the funding, "it puts us behind the 8-ball," said Mukherjee, noting that "we have at least 2 years of design work" to complete.

Treasurer Jan Goodfellow explained that the Town can still use Development fees to pay for the projects, even if the benefit is "post-period" (i.e., after 2031).

Keffer's amendment was defeated.

Simcoe Road reconstruction in 2016?

The Town of BWG has awarded the contract for the construction of the Green Valley Pumping Station to BECC Construction Group Ltd.

A total of 12 tender bids were received; BECC was low bidder, with a bid of \$4,503 million (excluding HST). With just over \$670,414 in engineering costs, the project came in nearly \$1.7 million under the allocated budget.

That allocation raised questions in Council. Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer pointed out that initially, the budget was \$4.1 million - \$2.5 million set aside in 2013, and another \$1.6 million in 2014.

In fact, explained Director of

Engineering Arup Mukherjee, engineering quickly realized that the allocation was too low, and even before going to tender, the 2014 allocation was increased from \$1.6 million, to \$4.3 million - for a total of \$6,832 million.

Keffer called for a "better system" to show the total costs, and unspent amounts carried over into the next year.

Councillor Ron Simpson agreed, noting that the final cost for the Green Valley Pumping Station was nearly \$1 million higher than the original estimates seen by Council - "almost 24% higher," Simpson said. "We have numerous projects ahead of us... We're

not off to a good start. I think we should be keeping a closer eye on it."

Councillor Gary Lamb asked for an update on improvements to Simcoe Road - and a firm date for construction, for the residents who "have been hearing promise after promise."

Director Mukherjee replied that the tender for the detailed design of the Simcoe Road improvements will be awarded soon. "Right now, where we stand on the project is that the detailed design is about to be awarded," with completion expected by mid-2015 "at the latest." As for construction, the "worst case scenario" would be a 2016 start.

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OPP target Distracted driving

Distracted driving has surpassed speeding and even Impaired Driving as the #1 cause of fatal collisions on Ontario roads, according to the OPP.

In 2013, there were 78 distracted driving fatalities, compared to 57 Impaired driving deaths, and 44 speed-related deaths.

"When you consider the overall impact of these 78 fatalities last year and the 325 other distracted driving victims who have died since 2010, the number of people these irresponsible drivers have had a profound and devastating impact on is in the thousands," said OPP Deputy Commissioner Brad White, Commander of Traffic Safety and Operational Support. "Everyone, from the victims' families and friends to the police officers who attend these horrific collision scenes and have to notify next-of-kin, knows the emotional impact of one life lost to this senseless driving behaviour trickles down to so many people."

The OPP is reminding motorists that on March 18, the fine for Distracted Driving will jump from \$155 to \$280 (a \$225 fine, \$50 victim surcharge, and \$5 court cost). And the OPP plan to operate a Distracted Driving Campaign on Ontario's highways from March 8 to 14, targeting distracted drivers.

Stunt Driving in BWG

Just before 9 a.m. on Feb. 25, a South Simcoe Police constable monitoring traffic on Holland St. West near Professor Day Drive in Bradford observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was registered on radar as travelling 108 kmph in a 50 kmph zone.

The vehicle was pulled over and the driver, an 18 year old Bradford male, was charged with Speeding and Stunt Driving, for allegedly travelling 58 kmph over the posted speed limit. His licence was suspended for 7 days, and his car impounded.

A reminder to the public: Driving at more than 49 kmph over the posted limit will result in a court date, 7-day licence suspension, and impounding of the vehicle, and conviction will result in a minimum fine of \$300, possible further licence suspension, and 6 demerit points.

Internet Luring in Innisfil

On March 4, South Simcoe and Barrie Police assisted the OPP Child Exploitation Unit in making an arrest. After a 6-week investigation, a 26 year old Innisfil man was arrested and charged with Internet Luring, after he met what he thought was a 15 year old girl, but was really an undercover officer in a sting operation. A search warrant was executed and a computer was seized. The man was held for a while.

Police remind parents to monitor their children's use of the internet. Sexual predators often approach children online. As a parent, you should be aware of who your child contacts, through websites, chat rooms and social media. Keeping computers in family areas of the home reduces the risks of covert contact. Speak with your children about the dangers of giving out information online.

Personal injury collision

At around 2 p.m. on March 4, South Simcoe Police, Innisfil Fire & Rescue and Simcoe County Paramedics were called to a single vehicle rollover on Yonge St., just north of Churchill. A southbound black Ford F150 pick-up truck, driven by a 20 year old Barrie man, lost control after passing a snowbank. The vehicle hit a snowbank, crossed the roadway at the 5th Line, and rolled over on its side. Onsite Air Ambulance attended; the man was assessed and taken to a Toronto hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Yonge St. was closed for about an hour for investigation. Alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the crash. Police continue to remind drivers to use caution in winter weather - and that passing a snowbank is unsafe. Witnesses are asked to contact PC Steve Bialk, 705-436-2141, ex. 2030

Whiteout!



High winds, snow squalls and blowing snow on February 27 were blamed for a 100-car pile-up on Hwy 400 - but that wasn't the only scene of traffic chaos. In just 5 hours, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., South Simcoe Police were called to 18 separate collisions in Innisfil and West Gwillimbury and Innisfil.

At around 9 a.m., at Yonge St. and County Rd. 89 in Innisfil, 8 vehicles were involved in a collision. A Special Constable southbound on Yonge was rear-ended by another vehicle. The officer exited and was in the process of providing First Aid, when her vehicle was struck by another southbound vehicle. The officer sustained minor injuries; Yonge St. was closed for about 2 hours, while police investigated.

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Enjoy 2 of the recipes found in this book:

POTATO PANCAKES:

Peel and cube 1 lb. potatoes and put in the food processor.

Add the following: 1/2 of a small onion

1 Tbsp. lemon juice, 2 Tbsp. whole wheat flour, 1 egg

1 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper

Pulse on and off until well grated.

Drop on a hot oiled skillet.

Press for thin pancakes, browning one side and then flip over.

May be kept on hot oven or freeze and reheat when needed.

Serve with butter, sour cream or applesauce.

BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

In a large bowl, mix together:

1 cup buttermilk, 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil, 1 egg

In another bowl mix together with a fork, adding to the above mixture only until moistened:

1 cup flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1/2 tsp. each baking soda and salt

Fry in a hot, lightly greased skillet.

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Guest editorial

FedDev Ontario provides support

Today, more than ever, Canadian businesses are faced with unprecedented global competition and technology that changes, improves or becomes obsolete, overnight. This changing landscape has increased the importance of innovation, commercialization and partnerships.

All levels of government, businesses, entrepreneurs, innovators and post-secondary institutions must work collaboratively to improve productivity, create jobs and ensure the economic prosperity of this Country.

For the Federal Government's part, we are confident that we have set the right macro-economic conditions and provided the necessary targeted investments from across federal departments and agencies to retain, attract and grow Canadian Businesses.

It comes as no surprise that our Government continues to remain focused on the most important priority to Canadians - the growth and prosperity of our economy.

In support of this priority, in its first 4 years, the Federal Economic Development Agency of Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) has committed over \$1.1 Billion, resulting in partnerships with more than 5,300 organizations and over \$1.6 billion in additional leveraged investments from almost exclusively non-government sources, to support businesses, manufacturers, organizations and communities.

As a good investor, we are ready to continue to invest in those companies and organizations that will provide this country with the greatest return. In Budget 2013, our government maintained its commitment to workers, families and communities in southern Ontario with the renewal of FedDev Ontario. Economic Action

Plan (EAP) 2013 provides \$920 million over 5 years for this Agency, starting on April 1, 2014.

Recently, I launched the Southern Ontario Prosperity Initiatives (SOPi), which will provide over \$530 million over 5 years, beginning this spring, to help retain, attract and grow businesses in southern Ontario and make the region globally-competitive by:

- Investing in Business Innovation.
- Investing in Business Growth and Productivity.
- Investing in Commercialization
- Investing in Regional Diversification.

In addition, I recently launched the \$200 million Advanced Manufacturing Fund in Ontario, to promote the continued growth of Ontario's advanced manufacturing sector by supporting large-scale, transformative manufacturing activities.

The Agency is also investing \$48 million for the renewal of the Eastern Ontario Development Program, which will promote strategic economic development in eastern Ontario that will have a long-term impact on the region.

A strong Canada depends on a prosperous southern Ontario that is home to communities that attract investment, highly productive and innovative businesses; and opportunities to expand and diversify markets at home and globally.

As Minister of State for FedDev Ontario, I look forward to seeing all of the possibilities that will come to light as a result of these new opportunities. For more information, visit www.FedDevOntario.gc.ca or call 1-866-593-5505 toll-free.

The Hon. Gary Goodyear, M.P. and Minister of State (FedDev Agency for Southern Ontario)

Environmental Town Hall in Keswick

Loreale Carruthers, York-Simcoe Provincial Liberal candidate and member of the Town of East Gwillimbury Environmental Advisory Committee, will be hosting an Environmental Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 13, at the Georgina Ice Palace in Keswick, 7 to 9 p.m. Panelists will include John MacKay, MP and Liberal Environmental Critic; Jack Gibbons, Chair of the North Gwillimbury Forest Alliance; Lady of the Lake Annabel Slaight, and John Dewar, former York-Simcoe Green Party candidate - on the North Gwillimbury Forest, and the health of Lake Simcoe. RSVP to <http://bit.ly/EnviroTownHall>



Submitted Photo

Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White, right, congratulates this year's Wall of Honour nominee at the Museum on the Boyne in Alliston, Feb. 22 - Peter Monahan, retired teacher and tireless War of 1812 re-enactor with Bulger's Co. Royal Nfld. Regiment; Quartermaster and Adjutant of the Crown Forces historical interpreter, and Chair of the Friends of Historic Fort Willow.

letters to the editor

Women's Day: A look back

To the editor: 2014 marks 100 years since the beginning of World War I. We can reflect on battles which have been won, both during and because of The Great War.

At the time the war began, women in Canada were not permitted to vote, and weren't yet recognized as "persons." Women were not yet able to control their own reproductive bodies; in fact, just a few decades before WWI women were expected to not even speak of reproduction.

The desperation of war led to desperate measures, and a changing role for women. Women were needed to replace men in the work force, giving them a taste of independence, options and self-value.

In 1919, women took up the fight for the right to vote, and to be recognized as persons, in 1929. Women battled to have a say and a place in personal, social and legal issues, both home and nationally. The First World War ignited women on many fronts, with the realization that they had made a contribution.

A significant change for women came with access to contraception. 2014 marks 100 years since the term "Birth Control" was coined. Prior to birth control, women were immensely susceptible to the probable outcomes; simply and politely put, married women prior to birth control did not have the freedom of choice women do now, and unmarried women were shamed.

With the ability to control reproduction, a woman achieved the opportunity to enter the work force, to gain social and economic independence, and therefore develop a confidence and a voice to add to their vote.

It is difficult to imagine what immense battles women have won, to get to where we are today -

and the war is not yet won.

Nationally, women are still battling negative gender beliefs and the negative consequences of these. One area that is currently newsworthy is pay equity. The provincial government recently responded with a small increase to minimum wage, since women are 60% of the minimum wage earners and many of these women are single parents.

As Mary Cormish has been quoted, "Although it has improved, at this rate, women still have to work an additional 13 years to earn the same pay as men after age 65."

There are laws to promote pay equity, but there is a pay gap against women of 72%. Poverty is a leading cause of health problems for women, leaves children vulnerable, and compounds the impact of domestic violence on women and children.

These few social concerns illustrate that although the last 100 years have seen many battles won for women, the war still rages on.

People in Transition (My Sister's Place)

Fraud Protection Month

To the Editor: Every year, millions of Canadians are targeted by Fraud, regardless of their age, education level, income, profession or ethnicity. March is Fraud Protection Month in Canada, and the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) is joining the Competition Bureau and several other organizations in raising awareness about the issue of fraud. It is an ideal time for Canadians to find out how to recognize, prevent and report fraud, should they become a victim. It is easy to fall for a financial scam. Criminals use creative tactics to catch potential victims at different stages of their lives. Whether starting

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Theft from business


To the editor: On the evening of Friday, February 28, someone stole 3 sheets of half-inch construction plywood and a 2' by 3' by 8' stud from the back of our store, Dutch Treats. We bought this wood to keep snow and ice off our driveway at the back of our store, and to ensure customers using our back door access would not get hurt. We are a small family business, and very disappointed that someone would steal anything.

Louise & Cor Den Bieks,
Dutch Treats

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At the Bradford Legion

On March 1, the Bradford Legion had 2 teams compete in the Zone E2 Dart Tournament. The team from Aurora Branch 385 won the tourney, but the Bradford Team of Julien Dressler, Sherri Carlton, Don Leslie and Rita Maule placed 2nd. Both teams have advanced and will play in Aurora at the District Tournament this April. Bradford Branch 521 will host the Darts tourney in 2015.

Friday Night Social

St. Patrick's Day in Lefroy

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Branch 547 of the Royal Canadian Legion hosts a St. Patrick's Dance on Saturday, March 15, 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 per person, and entertainment will be provided by one-man-band, Kent Tocher, playing everything from Banjo, to fiddle and keyboard. The Legion will serve a light "hunch" and Green Beer! For tickets, call Chris Knowles, 705-431-5090.

Love chili? Enter the Annual Chili Contest at the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion on Saturday, March 29. Register by calling 705-456-9728. All Chilis must be brought in a crock pot to the Legion Hall, 1017 Robinson St. in Belle Ewart, by 1:30 p.m. The public can sample from 2 to 4 p.m. for \$5.

Time - every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Bak St. in Bradford. Come out and enjoy dinner prepared and served by the Culinary Arts Students at Bradford District High School, for a nominal fee, then stay for music and fellowship. On the first Friday of the month, Mar. 7, enjoy Karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. All welcome. No cover charge.

Monday and Thursday Night Fun Darts, 7:30 at the Branch. Everyone welcome - membership not required.

Euchre, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, registration starts at 1 p.m., Euchre starts at 1:30 p.m. All welcome.

A General Meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m. at the Legion.

At the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre

The Danube Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd., served up pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, March 4! For information on programs and events, call 905-775-0612.

Coming up:

Thursday, March 13 - Seniors' Health Seminar, 11 a.m.
Lise Carriere, of Southlake Regional Health Centre, presents "Living Well with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)". Learn more about the Circle of Care for COPD, and available Medication.



Patrick's Day theme - Beef Stew, Mashed potatoes, Steamed Cabbage, Irish Soda Bread, dessert, tea or coffee. Only \$8 for members, \$9 non-members. All welcome.

Movie Afternoon, Saturday, March 22 - TBA! Bring a lawn chair!

Spring Ahead one hour!

Don't forget to set clocks ahead by one hour on Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time begins in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 9.



Transportation Master Plan Update

Notice of Public Information Centre Round 2

HOW DO YOU THINK TRANSPORTATION CAN BE IMPROVED IN SIMCOE COUNTY?

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This study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act.

Your Involvement is Important! Provide your input by...

Attending Public Information Centres Round 2

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Location #3	Location #4
Town of Innisfil Recreational Complex, North Lobby 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. March 20, 2014	Town of Wasaga Beach Rec Plex, Oakview Meeting Room 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. March 25, 2014

Purpose of the Public Information Centres:

- To present recommendations for roads, transit and active transportation networks.
- To provide residents and stakeholders with the opportunity to provide their comments and speak with members of the study team about multi-modal transportation options and opportunities in the County of Simcoe.

- Filling out the online questionnaire <https://www.research.net/s/SimcoeTMP>
- Visiting the study webpage at simcoe.ca
- Contacting the study representatives listed below.

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Sharing The Tale of Trallee



Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times
Author and educator Phillip MacFadden, with book *The Tale of Trallee*, and family pet, Jasmine the cat.

Growing up in Bradford, Phillip MacFadden, now Vice Principal at St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School in Barrie, was strongly influenced by his parents. It's not just that both Jack and Josie MacFadden were educators, but that they had a deep and abiding love of books. Bedtime stories were a tradition in the MacFadden household - from Robert Munsch to Dr. Seuss. And it was the power of the printed word to not only entertain but educate that inspired Phil.

After graduating from University with a double major, in Education and Biology, he began his career as an Educational Assistant at St. Jean de Brebeuf - and wanted some way to share "all the science and environmental lessons I learned, but make it fun" for the students.

The result was his first children's book, *The Tale of Trallee*. Written in rhyme, it's the story of the little folks of Trallee, who try to protect their broccoli trees from the hungry giants - and what happens when warnings to conserve and sustain are ignored.

"I've gotten really good feedback from the most important audience - which is the kids," says MacFadden. "The best compliment is, 'Read it again!' But he wasn't able to find a publisher. Instead, he located his own illustrator - J.L. Cormier in London - and carried on an e-correspondence to ensure that the story was illustrated the way he wanted. He then self-published the book through Daisy May Publishing.

MacFadden printed 150 copies initially - available only to the author, although he is in the process of negotiating an e-book version, which will be available from the Apple iBookstore, within the next few weeks.

The difficulty of finding a publisher hasn't discouraged MacFadden, who continues to write and work on other stories. "My goal is to do another one - and after that, do another one!" he says. "They're educational, because the kids deserve that. They deserve to hear lessons, but lessons that are fun and engaging as well.... I have so many different ideas."

These ideas include books for Young Adults, especially promoting literacy for boys - and completion of his personal favourite, "Johnny Biscotti and the Totally Amazing Garbage Truck."

"It's a fun book," says MacFadden, and one that grew out of his own childhood experiences. "I wanted to be a garbage man - I thought, what a great job!"

He's never been motivated by book sales, just the satisfaction of seeing *The Tale of Trallee* in print - and sharing his stories. "I have a good job, I love story-telling, I love teaching," MacFadden says. And publication, he says, "was very exciting - it was one of those accomplishments, it's like watching it come to life. It's a nice tangible thing."

MacFadden is donating a copy of his first book to school libraries throughout Bradford West Gwillimbury. *The Tale of Trallee* is available for \$12.99 in paperback, and can be purchased by contacting pmacfadden@gmscatholic.on.ca; it will be less as an e-book at the Apple iBookstore.

Inside Ride returns to BDHS

The Inside Ride returned to Bradford District High School, on February 28 - with teams dressing up to ride stationary bikes and raise money for The Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation, an organization dedicated to fighting pediatric cancer.

There are an estimated 1,700 children in Canada who are diagnosed with cancer every year. Coast to Coast donates 100% of the money it raises to assisting those kids and their families, and funding key research.

At BDHS, teams with names like The Royal Palms, Bears that Care, Ninja Turtles and Pirates of the Cure-ibean

filled the gym, and pedalled "to make a difference in your community for kids and families with cancer."

"They competed for medals for the farthest 'distance' ridden during the event, best costumes and the coveted Spirit Award - but they were also riding in memory of kids as young as themselves or younger, who battled cancer, and some of whom have lost the fight."

The Bears that Care won for "Best Costumes"; Pirates of the Cure-ibean won the Spirit award - and the event raised \$6,000 for Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation.



Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times
Above, the Bears that Care team, winners of the costume award. Top right, member of Pirates of the Cure-ibean. At right, teachers' Team Awesome.

Pancake Tuesday, at St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic School

PANCAKE from Page 1

"I love this program," said Walmart HR manager Maria Rocha. "The kids, when they come in here in the morning, they're actually learning" - not only the importance of breakfast, but of sharing, and getting along with everyone. "And it's fun."

Kids and their teachers were served pancakes, fresh fruit, a choice of juice or milk by an assembly line of volunteers. Many were in pajamas and bathrobes; it was also pajama day at St. Jean de Brebeuf.

And watching it all was Karen Martin, Simcoe South Co-ordinator of Eat Well to Excel - the school breakfast program which receives funding from both breakfast for Learning, and the provincial Ministry, and which provided \$1,500 in seed money to kickstart the Brebeuf program.

Martin was beaming as she watched

the school's nearly 500 students come in, 3 classes at a time, for their breakfast. "Hungry tummies don't learn," Martin noted, and a great breakfast is a great way to start the day.



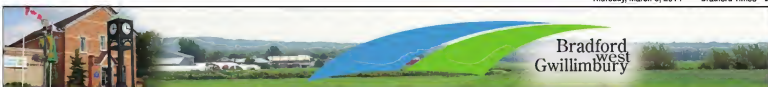
Above, kids and pancakes. Right, Vince Bruscinio of Walmart volunteers.

From Lent to Holy Week: Ecumenical Services

The series of Ecumenical Services, hosted by different churches in Bradford West Gwillimbury, will return this Lenten season. From March 12 to April 16, 6 different churches will host worship services in their own style of worship - and six different preachers will preach, but not in their own churches! It is a powerful and expressive way to demonstrate the work of Jesus Christ within the community. The Ministerial Association welcomes all to attend, and join in Lent's spiritual journey of contemplation on Jesus' sacrifice for mankind.

Lent 1 - Wednesday, March 12 at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, 167 Essex St., 8 p.m. Preacher is Rev. Ken Nielsen.

Lent 2 - March 19, Springdale Christian Reformed Church, 5 SR & Canal Rd. 7:30p.m. - Fr. Boniface Perri.
Lent 3 - March 26 - St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic (Byzantine) Church, 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head, 7:30 p.m. Preacher - Rev. Tim Walker.
Lent 4 - April 2 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 10 SR and 8th Line BWG, 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Barb Hammond.
Lent 5 - April 9 at Bradford Baptist Church, 3224 - 10 Sideroad in BWG, 7:30 p.m. Preacher - Rev. Jim Keenan.
Holy Week - Weds., April 16 at Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, 7:30 p.m. Preacher - Rev. Richard Bodini.



TOWN COUNCIL

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com.

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole – Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.

• Tues. Mar. 18 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fire & Emergency Services Committee

• Thurs. Mar. 6 @ 4:00 p.m. - SSP, Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Drive

Police Services Board

• Mon. Mar. 17 @ 7:00 p.m. - SSP, Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

• Mon. Mar. 17 @ 4:00 p.m. - Boardroom, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W.

Library Board

• Mon. Mar. 17 @ 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W.

COMPETITIVE BIDS

RFT # T-14-37E

Supply & Delivery of One (1) Sport Utility Vehicle
Closing: 2:00:00 pm Thursday March 13, 2014

Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

www.townofbwg.com/twnsr/purch/compbidopp

RFT # T-14-13

Supply and Delivery of Various Apparel

Closing: 2:00:00 pm Thursday March 13, 2014

Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

www.townofbwg.com/twnsr/purch/compbidopp

RFT # Q-14-34

Supply, Delivery & Installation of One (1) Electric Descendant Dehumidification Unit

Closing: 2:00:00 pm March 17, 2014

Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

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NOTICES

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

Bradford West Gwillimbury By-law 84-047, Section 6.2 (e) as amended, is in force and effect, which does not permit parking on any Street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to May 1 in such a manner as to interfere with the clearing of snow from the highway (roadway).

Also, the Stopping and Parking of vehicles on sidewalks is prohibited. Don't let a parking ticket ruin your day!

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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A complete description of job duties, qualifications and application instructions for these positions can be found on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the Employment Opportunities section, or at the Towns Human Resources office as listed below.

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Human Resources Department
100 Dissette St. Unit 4 Box 100, Bradford, Ontario L3R 2A7
Fax: 905-775-8633 or email hr@townofbwg.com

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodations will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

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In accordance with Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Dog Control By-law 2006-027:

- Every dog within Bradford West Gwillimbury must be licensed yearly.
- A maximum of three dogs are permitted per legal dwelling unit.
- No owner shall allow a dog to run at large. A dog not on a leash is deemed to be at large when on property other than that of the owner.
- Every owner of a dog is required to clean up and properly dispose of any excrement left by their pet from both public and private property.
- No owner of a dog shall allow the dog to howl, bark excessively or otherwise become a nuisance.

To obtain the 2014 licence for your dog, they are available at the following locations as of November 1st, 2013:

➤ **On-Line** @ <http://www.town.bradfordwestgwillimbury.on.ca>. Click on Town Services/Enforcement/Animal Services. It will then direct you to click "here" for purchase of dog licenses. Tags will be mailed to you directly.

➤ **The Administration Office**, 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, on Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

➤ **Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library**, Monday to Thursday 9:30 am to 9:00 pm, Friday & Saturday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

2014 Dog Licenses rates are as follows: *Dog (In Tag) \$35.00; Dog (Spayed or Neutered) \$30.00; Dangerous or Restricted Breeds \$55.00.* Whether applying for a license on-line or in person, you will be required to bring in, or provide the following information:

1. Owner's Name, Address & Telephone Number;
2. Dog name, Breed, Colour and Sex;
3. Rabies Number and Date of inoculation;
4. Date of Spay or Neuter if applicable; and finally
5. Veterinarian's Name, Address and Telephone Number.

If you have any questions, please contact the Enforcement Office directly at 905-775-5366 x 1102.

New Keyholder for The Hub

Last year, Cross Trainers celebrated the 10th Anniversary of The Hub Youth Drop-In Centre, located in the old St. Mary's Building on Frederick St., with a party and new partnership with the community.

Local businesses and business people were invited to become

"Keyholders" and "unlock the potential of Youth," by committing to donate \$1,000 to The Hub's programming, over a 10-month period.

The most recent business and entrepreneur to sign on is Doreen Johnston of Isagenix Products.

"I am so impressed with the amazing work that Cross Trainers provides to the Bradford community - a youth drop-in centre, a place to connect for women, a helpful environment for men to encourage one another, even a clothing room to supplement the needs of families," said Johnston. "It is my pleasure to financially support the work and the people who serve there. All of this serves to provide better 'health' to Bradford people who need a helping hand or safe place to be."

Johnston has been a resident of CHATS Tax Information Workshop for Seniors CHATS Community & Home Assistance To Seniors' Caregiver Support & Education program presents a free workshop, providing Tax Information on the taxation of pensions and other sources of income, possible tax credits available to you and your loved ones, and general tips for filling your taxes. Speaker is Marc

Bradford for nearly 20 years, and understands the importance of health, and of healthy nutrition. "That is why I partnered with Isagenix," she says, noting that poor nutrition, and fast-foods chock-full of preservatives, dyes, sugar, pesticides, can explain why "we have no energy, don't get good sleep,

why we get sick too often."

Isagenix products, she says can fill the gap. "It is absolutely amazing how well the body can perform when it gets the vitamins, minerals and nutrition that it

needs and has been craving. Isagenix is working towards becoming the world leader in nutritional cleansing, using the highest quality and most effective all-natural non-GMO ingredients sourced from around the world."

For more information on Isagenix, contact Doreen Johnston, 905-392-9920. For more information on The Hub and Cross Trainers, see www.cmtministries.ca

Submitted photo: Keyholder Doreen Johnston, left, presents donation to Jodi Greenstreet of Cross Trainers.



International Women's Day Dinner

The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford is hosting a women (and girls) only *Women's Day International Mardi Gras* on Saturday, March 8. Starting at 6:30 p.m., the event will feature Dinner, a Fashion Show held by the Pink Closet, and entertainment by DJ TNT FX, and young artists Samantha Pulcao, Alexandre Alcevedo and Cassandra Alcevedo. Tickets are \$30 for women, \$20 for young women under 14. For tickets for this annual "Women's Appreciation" evening, contact Jean, 905-716-4723; Sara at 905-836-3213 or Paula at 289-221-3278. The Centre is located at 767 Simcoe Road, south of Bradford.

Also coming up at the PCCB: *Festa do Mar* - Festival of the Sea, on Saturday, March 22. Doors open at 6 p.m. Featuring Dinner of Soup, Bacalhã a Casa (Cold House-style), salad, potatoes and dessert, and dancing to the live band Saegres. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for children ages 7 to 12 for members; \$30 adults, \$15 children for non-members. For tickets call Tina, 905-775-4291; Sara, 905-775-4825; Jean, 905-716-4723; or Paula, 289-221-3278.

Shake your Boobies for Women's Cancer

Bradford resident Suzy Garibaldi will be participating in the Shoppers Drug Mart Weekend to End Women's Cancers for the first time this September - for good reason.

Garibaldi is 41 and the mother of a 7 year old son. She lost an aunt and an uncle to cancer, supported her sister-in-law through cancer treatment and recovery in 2012, and successfully battled cancer herself. And just last year she lost her beloved sister "Nizi" to stomach cancer, on August 25, 2013.

Garibaldi is now in training for the Sept. 6 & 7 event, along with her 2 team mates on the "Highlights" team. She hopes to personally raise \$5,000 for the Weekend to End Women's Cancers; the Highlights team has set a goal of \$8,000.

Suzy was diagnosed with cervical cancer at the age of 36, when her son was only 2 years old - but she isn't participating for her own sake. "Honestly, I'm not doing this for me, I'm doing this for my sister. I was one of the lucky ones," she says. And although she has never tried to run or walk the marathon distance, "We are definitely determined... I truly believe we need to stay focused. We need to make a difference."

For more information, or to donate, visit www.endcancer.ca or call 416-815-9255.

Team Highlights is joining the team Joe Mama 2, to host a fundraising Dinner and Dance at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd., on Saturday, March 29.

The 5th Annual *Shake Your Boobies for Women's Cancers* dinner and dance includes Cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m., dancing to a DJ, Silent Auction, and more. Tickets are \$35, available from Sara Fresco, 905-836-3213, or email sara.fresco@sympatico.ca or contact Suzy Garibaldi at garibaldi06@sympatico.ca or 416-627-6994.

Innisfil Rotary Gala seeks Nominations

The Rotary Club of Innisfil holds its 2nd annual Celebration by the Lake Gala, on Saturday, April 19, at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre, 3722 Fairway Rd. In Innisfil - dinner, dancing, Live & Silent auctions, and the presentation of Innisfil's Unsung Heroes awards to two Innisfil residents, an adult and a Youth, who best exemplify the Rotary motto of 'Service above Self.' Nominations forms are online at www.innisfilrotary.org Deadline is March 15.



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Triple Threat!
Triple Threat students at MIMPA, Bradford's Music In Motion Performing Arts, brought down the house on Sunday, March 2, with two 2-hour performances of songs and scenes from hit musicals. The Jr. and Sr. students, who study Dance, Singing and Acting, were raising funds for the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation - and practising for competition in New York. From March 28 to 30, the competition team will be in Syracuse, NY, participating in Access Broadway. Above, Director Jeanette Martin with cast at MIMPA, 150 Artesian Industrial Pkwy. See mimpa.ca for more.

Celtic Heart, for St. Patrick's Day

There will be a celebration of Celtic dance and Music, at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts on Saturday, March 22.

Celtic Heart will feature the Loretto Reid Celtic Ensemble - with Loretto Reid, Kelly Hood and Rose Bolton; Sam Reid of Glass Tiger, Dave Lawlor, Gary McBride, Amanda MacDonald, Lord of the Dance cast member Emily Babyn, and the World Championship-qualifying dancers from the Irish Dance Studio.

The event is a fundraiser for the dancers who will be representing York Region and area at the World Championships of Irish Dancing, taking place in London, England in April.

For these World-qualifying dancers, the event is the most challenging

South Simcoe Arts Council Festivals

The South Simcoe Arts Council's 11th annual Music Festival will be celebrated April 30 to May 8, with competitions in Band, Piano, Strings, Vocal, Choirs/Ensembles. For more information and registration forms, visit www.southsimcoeartsCouncil.com/Music_Festival.html

The SSAC Choral Workshop 2014, led by Tapestry Chamber Choir Director Tony Browning, takes place at Living Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Baxter, Ontario on Saturday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$40, which includes musical scores and a light lunch. Enjoy a day of singing together, and exploring approaches to choral music, for both singers and choral directors.

level of competition in the world," explained Yvonne Kelly, Director of Irish Dance Studio. "Dancers train and compete at Regional and National levels for years, and must achieve a certain placing in order to participate at this competition."

"It takes a tremendous amount of dedication and hard work from the dancers to qualify for the World Championships. In addition, travel and accommodation is becoming increasingly costly for the dancers and their families... Through this event, we aim to raise enough funds to ensure all the dancers who qualified get an opportunity to compete."

Tickets for Celtic Heart are \$40 each, available at 905-787-8811 or online at rhculture.ca. Doors open at 7 p.m. The event will include a Silent Auction.

Please register by Friday, March 14, at 705-435-2378 or info@southsimcoeartsCouncil.com

The Arts On Main Festival will take place May 23 to June 11, with original artwork on display in storefronts in Alliston, Beeton and Tottenham. BWG is participating with *Uncommon Images about Common Things*, an interactive discussions on Modern and Contemporary art, presented by the South Simcoe Arts Council and Bradford Public Library. Every Thursday, March 20 to April 1, artist and art educator Sean George will lead the discussion at the Library, 425 Holland St. W., 7 to 9 p.m. Series fee is \$50. Register at 705-435-2378 or email info@southsimcoeartsCouncil.com

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Water: the future of agriculture

Water was the focus of this year's AgKnowledge Forum - an all-day session at the Club at Bond Head, Feb. 20, hosted by Nottawasaga Farmers. Moderator Jamie Reaume, Executive Director of the Holland Marsh Growers Association noted, "It's going to be your number 1 priority," moving forward. This past year, 61% of the U.S. experienced drought conditions.

Nathan Stevens, Christian Farmers' Federation of Canada, spoke about the drought in California. Stevens toured the state in 2009, when there was a drought, though "not as severe as this year."

He noted that California and Ontario are the top agricultural producers in their respective countries, raising a diverse array of commodities but one key difference is climate.

California has had an advantage, with predictable weather and milder winters resulting in lower infrastructure costs and higher yields. With irrigation, farmers can get up to 7 cubs of alfalfa in a single year - but the critical need is water. "Intensive agriculture requires an intensive amount of water," Stevens said.

"They rely on groundwater," and on mega-infrastructure for irrigation. The Central Valley Project, for example, provides water to about 5 million acres of farmland in the San Joaquin Valley. Built during the 1930s as a federal Works project, it is "the foundation of agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley," Stevens said. Without its water, the major fruit and vegetable producing areas would never be desert and scrubland.

Over the past decade, precipitation has been below average. "Reservoirs are not being replenished. They're slowly being drawn down, and reaching critical levels." As a result, farmers are being cut back in their water-taking, to ensure adequate supply for the rapidly growing

populations of major cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In 2009, the state took 285,000 acres out of production - a loss of 9,800 jobs, and \$340 million in sales. California is now exploring more effective water management, conservation and increasing the cost of an acre-foot of water - but rationing of water, and more land taken out of production are also possibilities.

"Ontario is not California. We don't have the same kind of issues, but we do have to be stewards," Stevens said - avoiding excessive water-taking, even though farmers can see a 38% to 80% increase in production with irrigation.

Here, the emphasis is on co-operation, and Ralph MacKenzie provided a local example.

MacKenzie, an Ontario potato farmer, was among the growers affected by drought conditions in 2007. "In our area, irrigation is a must. You wouldn't plant an acre of potatoes unless you could irrigate it," he said - but in 2009, growers in the Innisfil Creek watershed were asked to suspend their water-taking permits for 2 years, as water levels in the creek fell to record lows. Normal flow rate in the creek was 5,000 gallons per minute. In 2007, it was 356 gpm.

Local growers formed the Innisfil Creek Water Users Association, chaired by MacKenzie, and with help from local Conservation Authorities, began a program of monitoring and self-regulation. "If you only have so much water coming down all the rivers, you need to correlate when you're going to irrigate," MacKenzie said. "We realized we all had to work together."

"On the whole, water is critical," he added. "A lot of watersheds, there's still ample water. That might change in the next few years... We are assuming a drought will be coming, and we're preparing."

Shaping the future of Scanlon Creek

Have you been to Scanlon Creek Conservation Area recently? If you have, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority wants to hear from you. The LSRCOA, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, and Friends of Scanlon Creek have worked hard over the past 5 years on upgrades and enhancements at Scanlon Creek - but want to know if the park is meeting the needs of its users. There is a survey posted online at LSRCA.on.ca/PlanScanlon that invites visitors to hear from their input, until March 31. Everyone who completes the online survey will be entered into a draw to win a \$100 gift certificate from Spinsanity Cyle shop.

There will also be a Workshop at the Nature Centre on Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to noon, to provide additional information on the future of Scanlon Creek. Space is limited; to RSVP contact Kate at kate@lscra.on.ca or 905-895-1281 ext. 527.

Schomberg Farm Tour

The 10th Annual Schomberg Agricultural Society Farm Tour takes place March 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at a self-directed tour of local farms, this year with a focus on the Local Food movement. Tickets are \$10 per vehicle, available at the Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main St., on the day of the Tour, or see www.schombergfair.com.

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Declawing and possible alternatives

Did you know that when cats rub their cheeks or paws onto objects they are releasing pheromones which serve as territory markers? Scratching allows cats to mark their territory and helps shed the outermost layer of nail. That said, when your favorite feline decides they want to mark your brand new leather couch as theirs; they could quickly become your not so favorite feline. Sadly, this common source of irritation for many pet owners can be dealt with a visit to the OSPCA or euthanasia. The longer the behavior persists and the stronger the desire of the individual to scratch, the more difficult the behavior is to correct.

To decrease the likelihood of potential problems, there are several things to consider. The first step is to provide an appropriate area for scratching and discourage the clawing of undesired areas. Encourage your cat to visit the scratching post by sprinkling catnip and treats underneath it and plug a Feliway diffuser nearby. Keeping nails short or using nail covers (Soft Paws) can work well.

To deter scratching, use double sided tape, a tarp, foil or plastic to cover areas that are being damaged. An aversive substance such as Bitter Apple may further help deter the cat. Another option is the SSRCAT motion detector which sprays a safe, non-toxic substance when approached and acts as an excellent deterrent. Sounding an air horn, alarm, or even shaking an empty can sometimes interrupt undesired behavior. Encouraging cats to scratch old furniture is to be discouraged as once learned, the behavior is easily transferred to new pieces of furniture.

Many people do not realize that declawing is an amputation and a procedure which should be entertained only after all other attempts have failed. If you are having issues, please contact your veterinarian for advice.

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Maple Syrup Days!

Enjoy the first taste of Spring at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, with Maple Syrup time. From 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 7; Monday, March 10; Friday, March 14; come and discover how to identify maple trees, tap the trees for "sugaring off," and make maple syrup the old-fashioned way. At the end of the demonstration, enjoy a pancake or waffle drizzled with 100% maple syrup! \$10 per adult, \$6 for children 12 and under. Space is limited; please pre-register at 905-775-6341 - and remember to dress for the weather. Scanlon Creek Conservation Area is located at 2450-9th Line, north of Bradford.

The Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival takes place March 1 to Sunday, April 6, at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, 3231 Stouffville Rd., and the Kortright Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Drive. Maple Syrup demonstrations, wagon rides, Pancake breakfasts and more. There will be special activities on weekends and during March Week. For more information, see www.maplesyrupfestival.com or contact Bruce's Mill is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, except for March Break and Easter Monday.

The Kortright Centre hosts a "Maple Syrup by Lamplight" Dinner on Saturday, March 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. The evening begins with a twilight guided tour of the sugar bush, and an opportunity to taste maple syrup and learn more about syrup production, and ends with a campfire and fireside treat. For tickets call 416-667-6295. See www.kortright.org for information.

The Tiffin Centre for Conservation, 8195 - 8th Line of Eglon, hosts the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival, April 5 and 6, From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., enjoy tours of the sugar bush and maple syrup-making demonstrations.

War of 1812 re-enactments, live music, horse-drawn wagon rides and the critters of Zoo to You. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., enjoy pancakes, sausage, and real maple syrup - free with the price of admission. Adults \$10, Kids ages 2 to 12, \$5.

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March Break Fun!

The BWG Leisure Centre in Bradford offers March Break Day Camp activities for ages 6 to 12 at the Leisure Centre, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$35 per day. March 10 to 14 - or \$155 for a full week, for residents. Non-resident fees: \$40.25 per day, or \$178.25 for the week.

March 10 - Mystic Drumz Workshop and Show, Skating, Spring Planking, Fitness and Gymnastics Games

March 11 - Polymer clay crafts with Pook Designz, skating, crafts, co-operative games, sports and fitness

March 12 - Burnt Offerings Ceramics Workshop, skating, baking, games, sports and fitness activities.

March 13 - Brick Door presents LEGO fun, plus skating, camp games, sports and fitness activities.

March 14 - Spend the morning Glow in the Dark bowling at Stellar Lanes. In the afternoon, enjoy camp games, crafts, activities, and a Guest Entertainer.

Sign up for one or more days; extended care is also available from 8 to 9 a.m. (\$3 per child per day, or \$12.50 for the full week), and/or 4 to 5:30 p.m. (\$4.50 per child per day, or \$20 for the week).

The BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. West in Bradford, is offering March Break fun:

Mon., March 10 - Drop-In Craftology, 10 a.m. to noon - crafts for all ages. Free Prepares Now, Learn How drop-in-emergency preparedness program, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring a camera, to take photos with the Fire Truck. Free Family movie at 1:30 p.m. - Turbo.

Tues., March 11 - Clay Workshop - create an Easter Egg Box, 10-11 a.m. for ages 5 to 12. Cost is \$13 per child; pre-register at Borrower Services.

Bubbleology Show, 1:30-2:50 p.m. for all ages. From Giant Bubbles, to Bubble Volcanoes. \$4; tickets available at Borrower Services. Drop-in X-Box Kinect, 3 p.m. - Just Dance, for ages 8

and up. Free.

Wed., March 12 - Drop-In Craftology, 10 a.m. to noon crafts for all ages. Bugology Workshops - 1-2 p.m. for ages 5 to 8, and 3 to 5 p.m. for ages 9-12. Join the ladies from Bugs Without Borders for an exciting workshop all about bugs, \$6 per child. Pre-register. Drop-in X-Box Kinect, 3 p.m. - Wipeout, for ages 8 and up. Thurs., March 13 - Drop-In LEGO, 1-3 p.m. Free. Clay Workshop for ages 5 to 12 - create a Bunny Box, 4-5 p.m. Cost is \$13 per child; pre-register. Fri., March 14. Free Drop-In Pajama Party, 10 a.m. to noon - crafts,

activities, stories, hot chocolate for all ages. Free Family movie at 1:30 p.m. - Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters.

The Cookstown Public Library offers Wildly Exciting Adventures, during March Break.... ZooTek animals will visit at 11 p.m. on March 11, only \$3 per person. At 3 p.m., Kids 9 and up can participate in Robot Wars, creating LEGO Mindstorm Robots

for an Angry Birds Battle. Cost \$22... March 12, Explosion Commotion - make things fizz, bang and pop, at 1:30 p.m. Fun for ages 6 and up. Cost \$22... March 13, Super Science Lab, from 1 to 5 p.m., for hands-on science experiments. \$11... March 14, Chain Reaction Contraption - create your own Rube Goldberg machine, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$22... March 15, Skulls and Bones. All day, drop in and use your detective skills to identify 6 mystery skulls. Free.

Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket welcomes Zoo to You for some Zootastic fun during March Break. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 10 to 14, interact with the friendly animals, including alligators, frogs, lizards and snakes, at Centre Court. For more information, see uppercanadamall.com/events

More @ Bradford Public Library

On March 6, there will be an **Acoustic Open Mic Night** in the Zima Room, beginning at 7 p.m. Would-be singers and songwriters can sign up to sing 1 or 2 songs (lasting from 3 to 10 minutes in total), 7:15 to 9 p.m. Munchies will be available.

Calling all Young Entrepreneurs, ages 13 to 19... The Youth Entrepreneurs Club, Bradford Chapter, meets on the first Thursday of every month in the Boardroom

of the BWG Public Library. Next meeting is Thursday, March 6 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Pre-register in person at the Library, or call 905-775-3328 ext. 6100. Shanna McFarlane will help young entrepreneurs learn the Mindset, Confidence and Leadership of a successful entrepreneur; How to build a Successful Business; How to be sure you have a Great Business Idea, and more. Shanna started her first business venture at the age of 9!

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information, call: al-anon.alateon.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-441-ANON.

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1468 Sideview St., Bradford.
905-775-5731
Sundays 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStrien
www.springdalecna.net

Newton Robinson United Church
767 & Gore, 10 Tecumseh,
Sarnia. Service 8:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
 Hwy. 68 west of Hwy. 27
 Service 11 a.m.
 Sunday School & Nursery Available
 905-775-2512

Trinity Anglican Church
 62 Church St., Bradford
 (Corner of Church & James St.)
 Sunday Services 9am & 10:30am
 Sunday School, 10:30am
 905-775-2200
 trinityanglicanbradford.com

St. John's Presbyterian
 2540 - 10th Sideroad
 (8th Line & Middletown SR)
 905-775-7474
 Sunday Services 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School and Nursery provided.
 aj@stjohnspresbyterian.ca

Bradford Alliance Church
 758 Simcoe Road, Bradford
 16am Sunday Service
 Mid Week Home Groups
 Monthly Men's Breakfast
 905-775-0068
 www.bradfordalliance.ca

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford
 Bilingual Services
 Liturgy Sunday & Feast
 Days 10:00 am
 Prast 905-775-0105

St. Catherine of Alexandra Catholic Church
 (Brampton Hill)
 16 Helen St. (West Head, Sarnia) (Catholics)
 9:30am (Anglican), 11:30am (Anglican)
 905-775-8262
 info@stcatherineofalexandra.ca

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
 18335 Dufur St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
 Sundays 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
 Sunday School & Nursery with service
 Mid-week youth & adult groups
 Rev. Richard Bodi
 905-775-7261
 E: hollandmarsh@rogers.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
 905-775-9412
 Sunday Service:
 10:00 a.m.

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
 167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2005
 Masses
 Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.,
 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
 Confessions
 1/2 hour before Sunday mass.

Bradford United Church
 66 Barrie St.
 905-775-7268
 Service 10 a.m.
 Sunday School & Nursery Available
 www.bradfordunited.com

St. Paul's Anglican Church
 Coulson's Hill
 (NW corner of County Rd. 4 & 11th Line)
 Sunday Service at 10:00 am.
 Sunday School with 10:30 am
 289-231-3253

Bradford Community Church
 Mid-week small group
 905-775-0326, based on the St. Peter of Hwy 411 & Gore rd
 Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Nursery - birth to 3 yrs. Children 4 to 12 yrs

Riverbide Bible Chapel
 905-836-1798
 60246 Baltham (North of Hwy 11)
 11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
 1:00 am Apostolic Service
 7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

Bradford Baptist Church
 3254 10th Sideroad
 9 am - Portuguese Service
 10:30 am - English Service
 10:30 am - Kids Program (Totter-Croft Rd.)
 Mid Week Youth Program & Portuguese Ministry
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 www.bcbcfw.ca

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upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7.9 pm. For information, see www.speakfor-success.org or call 1-888-441-ANON.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEALS: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 pm, every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 pm, Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Food - raising perogies and cabbage, sale every Sat. and Sun. 12 to 4 pm. In call, the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7.9 pm, on the 3rd Tues. of every month, at the New Bradford Branch, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: There is a support group that meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression to who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgmental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous.

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING ALLIANCE: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Meets at the Ontario Early Years Centre-Bradford Satellite, 118 Barrie St., 1 to 3 p.m., Child-care available; call the Centre at 905-775-2039 or 2229 on the Friday before.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories

and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marc, 1-866-677-9046 ext. 6225 or email Mfrench@chats.ca
YORK SHOUT SISTER CHORUS: The Choir welcomes new members. No auditions - music is learned by ear - and the repertoire is fresh and fun. All levels of singers welcomed. Practices are held Wednesday evenings, 7.9 pm, at Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St. N. in Stouffville

FRIDAY, MAR. 7

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This year's service, written by the women of Egypt, on the theme "Streams in the Desert," will take place at St. Paul's Anglican Church (Coulson's Hill) in Bradford West-Willmerville, at 2 p.m. All welcome.

MAPLE SYRUP TIME AT SCANLON: Learn how to identify maple trees, tap them for sap, make maple syrup the old-fashioned way - then enjoy a pancake or waffle with syrup, at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, 10 a.m. to noon, on March 7 and 8. 4. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$6 for children under 6. Please register at 905-775-6341 - and dress for the weather.

SAT., MAR. 8

SQUARE DANCE AT BRADFORD UNITED: Bradford United Church hosts a social evening of Square Dancing on Sat. in caller Doug MacInnes. No experience needed. \$20 per couple, or \$10 per person - a fundraiser for the church, located at 66 Barrie St. in caller Doug MacInnes. Call 905-775-7268 by March 3. Refreshments.

BOND HEAD UNITED ROAST BEEF DINNER: Roast Beef Dinner will take place at Bradford's St. John's Presbyterian Church 2940-10 Sideroad (at the 8th Line) BWG, 4:30 to 7 p.m. (continuous serving). Tickets are \$15 adults, \$7.50 children ages 6 to 12. Call 705-452-2621.

CHARITY SKI & SNOWBOARD DAY FOR UNITED WAY: 7th annual March Melt-down at The Heights of Horshoe, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free beginner lessons for kids 6 and older, races, games, door prizes, silent auction, vendor fair, ski and board rentals - just bring your helmet! A fundraiser for the United Way

of Greater Simcoe County, \$25 in advance at Ticket-Break.com; \$30 at the door.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARDI GRAS: Women-only Dinner and Dance at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, Simcoe Rd., 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Fashion Show, live entertainment with DJ TNT FX and young singers. Tickets are \$30 for Women, \$20 for Young ladies age 14 and under. For tickets call Jean, 905-716-4723, Sara 905-836-3213 or Paula, 289-221-3278.

MON., MAR. 10

GILFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS: At the Churchill Community Centre in Innisfil, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Lorraine Mennen, owner of Pathways to Perennials in Kettleby - on Gardening with Colour. All levels of gardeners and refreshments as the GDHS celebrates its 35th Year.

TUES., MAR. 11

YORK-SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: At River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off Queensville Rd., north of Holland Landings), 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Josh Wise from Ontario Nature, on Greenway and Natural Heritage System Planning. Lug a mug. For info, see YorkSimcoeNaturalists.org on Facebook.

THURS., MAR. 13

THORNTON OLD TYME FIDDLE DANCE: Upstairs at the Thornton Area (off County Rd. 27) at 7 p.m. All welcome!

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN:

Fun for preschoolers at the Ontario Early Years Centre-Bradford Satellite, 118 Barrie St. at 5 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Milkshake!

SAT., MAR. 15

BARRIE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB WINTER DANCE: At the ANAF Hall, 7 George St. in Barrie. Free live dancing lesson at 7:30 p.m., regular dance from 8 p.m. to midnight, with a late night substantial snack. Admission \$13 members, \$19 guests. For information call Wendy at 705-722-0990 or see www.bdbd.ca
ST. PATRICK'S DANCE: At The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion,

1017 Robinson St. in Belle Ewart at 7 p.m. Entertainment by Kent Tocker, light lunch, Green Beer! Tickets are \$10 per person, call Chris at 705-431-5090.

SUN., MAR. 16

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER: At Churchill Community Centre in Churchill, Innisfil, 12:30 p.m. Colloped Potato Dinner, with scalloped, vegetables, pie, tea or coffee, \$15 adults, \$7 for kids under 12, or \$40 for a family of 4. Seatings at 9:30 am and 6:30 p.m., with live entertainment from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For info, call 705-456-2748 or 705-436-3763.

MON., MAR. 17

TECUMSEH & WEST GUILMBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS: At The Tecumseh and West Guilmbury Historical Society's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Marjorie Parkin will provide a history and demonstration of Knitting Machines. For info, call 905-775-7444 or 905-396-4086. New members welcomed.

WEDS., MAR. 19

CHATS TAX INFORMATION WORKSHOP: CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) presents a free Tax information Workshop, with Marc Ferreira, CPA, MBA, MSW, RSW, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at CHATS, 448 Holland St. W. in Bradford. Learn more about taxation of pensions, available deductions, tax filing tips. Free, but please pre-register at 905-775-9048 or 905-8225 or mlranchise@chats.on.ca

World Day of Prayer

Bradford's World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Coulson's Hill (on the 11th Line, at Yonge St.) on Friday, March 7 at 2 p.m. This year's interdenominational service is written by the women of Egypt, on the theme, "Streams in the Desert." All are welcome. Lefroy United Church, 34 Church St. N. in Stouffville is also hosting the interdenominational service on Friday, March 7 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Sports

Novice Rep in YS Playoffs



Submitted photo.

Bradford Bulldogs Novice "A" Rep team moves on to the York-Simcoe Playoffs.

Bradford Novice Rep Bulldogs had a great season. After losing in the OMAHA all-Ontario Quarter-final, they dropped down to the York-Simcoe Playoffs - where they swept the Newfoundland Redmen.

Game 1, Bradford - 5, Newmarket Redmen - 0. Goals by Riley Gainer with a pair, singles by Avery Steyn, Aiden Kapralnik and Brayden Fitkin, from Justin Dias, Fitkin, Kaden VanNamen, Gavin Rocha and Steyn. Game 2, Bradford - 8, Newmarket - 1. Scoring by Riley Gainer and Justin Dias with a pair apiece, singles by Brayden Fitkin, Kaden VanNamen, Aiden Kapralnik and Gavin Rocha, on assists from Jack Redell (2), Dylan

Woodcock, Gainer (2), Dias, Jax Wismer (2), Philippe Harte, and Michael Flynn. Game 3, Bradford - 3, Newmarket - 1. Goals by Justin Dias from Riley Gainer and Jax Wismer; Spencer Naley (unassisted); and Julia Mumford from Wismer and Gainer.

Congrats to goalie Evan Robins, for his shutout in Game 1, and super netminding in Games 2 and 3. The team advances to the **YS Semi-final**, vs the winner of the series between Markham and Richmond Hill. Coach Cerrone Naley is very proud of the boys and girls on his team - best of luck for the rest of the season!

BWGMHA Local League in playoffs

ATOM LL

Bradford Local League Atom #3 played Richmond Hill #2 in the **Simcoe Region LL Semi-Final**, and won the series.

Game 1, Feb. 22, Bradford #3 - 4, Richmond Hill #2 - 0. Goals by Kyle Smith with an unassisted pair, singles by Antonio Kutlarovsk from Andrew Gwilliams and Luis Faria; and Jeremiah Oake from Markus Marchand and Owen Osbourne. Shutout to Brandon Barna.

Game 2, Feb. 23, Bradford #3 - 6, Richmond Hill #2 - 1. Scoring by Kyle Smith and Andrew Gwilliams with a pair apiece (1 unassisted, each), Antonio Kutlarovsk with a single from Gwilliams, and Adam Clayton unassisted. Other assists to Owen Osbourne and Kutlarovsk.

Game 3, March 1, Bradford #3 - 2, Richmond Hill #2 - 2. Both goals by Andrew Gwilliams, one unassisted, one from Antonio Kutlarovsk and Tristan Mikelaik.

Game 4, March 2, Bradford #3 - 5, Richmond Hill #2 - 1. Scoring by Kyle Smith with a hat trick, unassisted, singles by Jakob Lizzi from Andrew Gwilliams; and Antonio Kutlarovsk, unassisted.

Team advances to the **SR Championship Final** later this month.

PEEWEE LL

Bradford Local League PeeWee #4 team played the Beeton Stingers in a hard-fought **Consolation Semi-Final** in the Simcoe Region Playoffs.

Game 1, Bradford #4 - 5, Beeton - 2.

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Micro-Works Major Curling League playoffs

The Micro-Works Major Curling League held its first night of playoffs on Feb. 26, at the Stroud Curling Club. Only the top 10 teams qualified for the playoffs, and the top 2 teams - #1 Andrew Thompson (Comco Canada/Dr. Chris Schell-Optometrist/Bay's Driving School), and 2nd place Bill Irwin (Shot Rock Shoes) - had the bye.

Sheet 1 - Wylie Allan (Saputo Bakery Inc./Roy's Enterprise) - 5, Heather Graham (Cal's Gals - Cal Accounting) - 4. The 3-seeded Saputo team defeated the 10th-seeded Cal's Gals.

Sheet 2 - Cory Heggstad (Moon Sports Technologies/Cyncor) - 4, Ken Leach (ReThredz) - 3. In a close match, 9th-seeded Heggstad ousted the 4th-seeded ReThredz side.

Sheet 3 - Al Corbell (Calcia Calcium) - 10, Gayle McKenna (Paul Sadlon) - 4. 5th-seeded Corbell defeated the 8th-seeded Paul Sadlon rink.

Sheet 4 - Gregg Truscott (Blue Cross/Moon Sports Technologies) - 4, Phil Loevenmark (Dominion of Canada Insurance Co./Bunn-o-matic) - 3, in this battle between #6 and 7 in the standings.

Playoffs continued on March 5, with the highest seed having choice of Hammer throughout the

playoffs. In the "A" Flight, Wylie Allan (Saputo/Roy's Enterprise) played Cory Heggstad (Moon Sports/Cyncor); and Al Corbell (Calcia Calcium) faced Gregg Truscott (Blue Cross/Moon Sports). In the "B" Flight, Ken Leach (ReThredz) faced Heather Graham (Cal's Gals-Cal Accounting), and Phil Loevenmark (Dominion of Canada Insurance/Bunn-o-matic) played Gayle McKenna (Paul Sadlon). Losers of the B Flight are out of the playoffs.

Ontario Senior Games coming to Simcoe County

The Ontario Senior Games will be coming to Simcoe County, during the summer of 2014.

Simcoe County (District 28) will host 15 summer games, open to adults ages 55 and older, in communities that include Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, and Barrie.

Events scheduled include Bid Euchre, Pickle Ball, Horseshoes, Euchre, 5-Pin Bowling, Darts, Cribbage, Contract Bridge, Swimming, Carpet Bowling, Floor Shuffleboard, Tennis, Bocce Ball, Slo-Pitch and Lawn Bowling - open to Men and Women ages 55 and older, participation fee is \$12, for OSC membership.

For more information visit ontarioseniorgames.ca, or contact Simcoe County Co-ordinator Letty Hudgson at 705-529-0140 or 2127letty1946@gmail.com. Entry forms are also available by emailing district28@ontarioseniorgames.ca. Scheduled events and dates are:

• **Carpet Bowling** - Weds. April 23 and Fri., April 25 at 9 a.m., in the Allandale Centre in Barrie.

• **Bid Euchre** - Monday, May 5 at 9 a.m., at Barrie's Allandale Centre.

• **Floor Shuffleboard** - Tues., May 13, 9 a.m., at Barrie's Allandale Centre.

• **Pickle Ball** - Thursday, May 22, 9:30 a.m., at the North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre, Midland.

• **5-Pin Bowling** - Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m., at Georgian Bowl in Collingwood.

• **Bocce** - Weds., May 28 at McGuire Park in Penetanguishene.

• **Slo-Pitch** - Thurs., May 29, 9:30 a.m. at Shear Park in Barrie (rain date June 5).

• **Darts** - Monday, June 2 at 9 a.m., at Barrie's Allandale Centre

Other venues and dates are still to be announced. Winners of the Simcoe County summer games will be invited to compete at the Ontario Senior Summer Games, August 18-21 in Windsor/Amherstburg. The Canada 55+ Summer

Games will take place Aug. 27-30 in Strathcona, Alberta.

The goal of the games is to encourage residents ages 55 and over to keep active and get involved, enhancing both mental and physical abilities, and expanding their social opportunities. Get involved!

Note: There will be a special Registration Day on Tuesday, March 25 at the Allandale Recreation Centre main hall, 190 Bayview Dr. in Barrie, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Seniors can register for as many activities as they wish, for a \$12 OSGA membership. The Allandale 55 Plus Centre will also be offering a free lunch and coffee for anyone who interests registers; lunch will be \$5 for those not registering.

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BWGMHA Local League in playoffs

LOCAL LEAGUE from Page 15
Scoring by Matt Quizi with a pair, singles by Brett Lassen, Malcolm Gill and Brayden Heatley, on assists from Melissa Brinkos, Russel Williams, Blake Fellman, Kalea McCutcheon and Eric Mak. Game 2, Bradford #4 - 5, Beeton

- 4. Goals by Brett Lassen and Blake Fellman with a pair apiece, single by Malcolm Gill, on assists from Brayden Heatley (2), Russel Williams, and Fellman.
Game 3, Beeton - 5, Bradford #4 - 3. Goals by Mason McCarty from Blake Fellman and Brayden

Heatley; Fellman from Malcom Gill; and Brett Lassen from Colby Jackson and Melissa Brinkos.
Game 4, Bradford #4 - 3, Beeton - 2. In Overtime, Bradford scoring by Kalea McCutcheon with her first goal, from Brayden Heatley; Malcolm Gill (unassisted), and

Heatley with the OT game-winner, from Colby Jackson and Matt Quizi. Great team effort, and great goaltending throughout the series by Steven Annador and Ryan Kiernan.
The team now advances to the **Consolation Final**.

Lions' Turkey Shoot

Beeton and Bond Head Lions Clubs' "Turkey Shoots" - target shooting to win a prize of a turkey or ham - take place on the 3rd Sunday of the month, 10 a.m. at the Vernon property (39th Line BWG and 5 Sideroad). 12 gauge only. Next shoot: March 16. For info contact Bill at 705-458-4511.

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As a family, we would like to thank all of the people that took time to attend the viewing, the funeral and for the support and prayers of Jean Hughes. To everyone that sent flowers, cash, delivered food, or made donations to Southlake Hospital Foundation, we can't thank you enough for all of the support!

We would also like to say a special thank you to Dr. Susan Kuzmick, Jewel's doctor and close personal friend, Jill Sheehy and her family, and lastly, to the Ladies of St. John's Presbyterian Church.

Obituaries

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JOHNSON, Jackie - Jackie Johnson (nee Saville) of Bradford at 78 years of age, peacefully passed away at Bradford Valley Long Term Care, on Saturday, February 22nd, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Larry Johnson. Loving mother of Wendy (Terry) Lapp and Jay (Kathryn) Johnson. Proud Gramma of Ryan (Melissa) and Steven Lapp; Sarah Johnson (Anthony Sotera) and Andrew Johnson. Cherished Great Gramma of Abigail Johnson, Julia Sotera and Henry Lapp. Dear sister of Margaret McDermott and John (Peggy) Saville. Jackie will be fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Jackie's Life will be held on Saturday, March 29th, 2014, at Big Cedar Golf and Country Club, Inlet, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donations may be made, in memory of Jackie to the Bradford Valley Resident Council.

Partridge, Dennis Benjamin. With deep sadness, we announce that Dennis passed away peacefully with his wife and family beside him at Royal Victoria Regional Health Care Centre, Barrie on Sunday March 2nd, 2014. Dennis Partridge formerly of Bradford was in his 87th year. Devised husband of Doris Partridge, Dear father of David (Linda), Bob (Barb), and Derek (DeeDee). Cherished Grandfather of Jessica (Chris) (Kerry), Chris (Angie), Jamie and Steven and Great Grandfather of Rylee. Friends may call at St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church, 1611 Hammer Street, West Barrie on Thursday March 6th, 2014. Visitation at 2:00 p.m. with service to follow at 3:00 p.m. and reception to follow. Serving Interment at St. John's Anglican Cemetery, in accordance to Dennis' wishes in lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Margaret of Scotland, Anglican Church, Barrie.

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Death Notices

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GLASSFORD, Jackson Allan on February 24, 2014 in his 87th year while at his home in Florida. He was the devoted husband of Doris (nee Ritchie) for 60 wonderful and eventful years. Loving brother of the late Frieda (the late Joe Cannone), Marian (the late Johnny Radzyk), Bruce (Merilyn) and the late Donald. Devoted father of Donna (Dan Aker), Janice (Andrew Symons), Gary, Susan (Robert Sommers). He was the proud grandfather of Sarah, Jill, Amy, Nathan, Alison, Robyn and 10 great grandchildren. Allan was always very involved in his community even from a young age when he belonged to the Bond Head Boy Scout Troop and the local 4C Club. He was an innovative best and grain farmer in the Beaton area. He was a member of the Bond Head United Church and a Past Master of the Stry Masonic Lodge of Beaton. He devoted many years to the community including Reeve of Tecumseh Township and in 1977 was Warden of Simcoe County. Visitation will be held at the W. John Thors Funeral Home, 244 Victoria St. E., Alliston on Monday March 10, 2014 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The Memorial Service will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 10th Sideroad, Bradford. If desired, donations made to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Community Assistance Association of South Simcoe (CLASS) would be appreciated.

In Memoriams

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**LATOSZEK, Wieslaw -**

In Loving Memory

October 18, 1954 - March 12, 2012

If we could have a lifetime wish and one dream that could come true
We would pray to God with all our hearts just to see and speak to you
A thousand words won't bring you back
We know because we've tried
and neither will a million tears
We know because we've cried
You've left behind our broken hearts
and precious memories too
But we've never wanted memories
We only wanted you

Always in our thoughts
Forever in our heartsWe love you always
Ewa, Przemek, Emilia, Nando, Melody

Focus on Community

BDHS Jr. Boys take BBall Championship



Bradford - Bradford District High School's Jr. Boys Basketball team capped a stellar season with a 55-48 win over Huntsville in the Championship game, on February 24 - despite the loss of one of the team's starters in the SCAA final.

Captain Red Cekani was Game MVP in the fast-paced match, scoring 24 points and leading the offence.

Congratulations to team members Connor McNeill, Ibrahim Afif, Thesie Kohlthausman, Miguel Barbosa, Philip Tran, Noah Phallo, MJ Forbes, Mo Khokhar, Josh Clarke, Jesse Campbell, Lucas Quintero and Cekani.

The team finished its season with 22 wins, 6 losses - including the Championship triumph. The Boys won 2 tournaments in Bradford, one hosted by BDHS and the other by Holy Trinity Catholic High School and finished 2nd in a Kingston tourney early in January, and won the Consolation Final in the Eastview Secondary School tourney in Barrie, at the end of that month.

Coaches Kate Walker and Joel Malley congratulate their team on a great win, and a great year.



BDHS hits the heights in Alpine Skiing

Bradford District High School students competed in Level 1 Alpine Ski Racing this year, with both the Boys team (George Philip, Philip Fors, Caullen

Race #3 - Giant Slalom at Mount St. Louis, Jan. 15. The Boys team finished 3rd, receiving Bronze. George Philip finished in 4th place. The Girls Team

finished 4th.

Race #4, Giant Slalom at Otter Ski Club, Feb. 5.

The Boys team finished in 2nd place, winning Silver; George Philip won an individual medal for finishing 3rd. The Girls team was 6th overall.

Race #5 was the Georgian Bay Championship (Giant Slalom) at Craigleith Ski Club, on Feb. 11. The Boys Team finished 4th, Girls Team finished 6th - but George Philip won the individual 1st Place medal, to advance to the All Ontario OFSSA races, held Feb. 23-25 at Blue Mountain.

Out of 94 of the best Alpine racers in all of Ontario, George Philip placed 6th overall, in an outstanding effort. He and the teams received



congratulations from coach Ruth Anne Piggott.

Submitted photo: George Philip, Bradford District High School student, takes 1st place at the GBSSA Alpine race in Craigleith.

@ the Library

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NFB Film Club - films from the National Film Board, with monthly free screenings of thought-provoking documentaries. Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. **Black Soul**, an animated introduction to Black history and **How a Matter of Colour**, a personal investigation into "colourism" - when people within the same ethnic group discriminate against each other based on differences in skin tone.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Friends of the Library are accepting donations of paperbacks in good condition, current fiction and non-fiction, children's books, CDs and DVDs for the **Spring Book Sale**. Items can be dropped off at Borrower Services. Please - NO moldy or damaged books, text books, Reader's Digest condensed books or magazines.

There will be a Preview Sale on Friday, March 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per family, for an opportunity to have first pick of donated items.

The **Spring Book Sale** will take place on Saturday, March 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday, March 30 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Admission is free!

Ontario Early Years

The Ontario Early Years Centre, Bradford Satellite, in the BWG Child & Family Services Bldg, at 118 Barrie St., Bradford, provides age-appropriate resources, toys and programs for children ages 0-5, parenting information and resources, FREE. For information or to pre-register, see www.simcoecommunityservices.ca and click on the Early Years button, or call 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

Kids in the Kitchen - fun for preschoolers every Thursday (March 6, 13, 20 and 27), at 5 p.m. **Library on the Loose** - free drop-in program, 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 21. Books, stories and surprises from the Bradford Public Library.

Toolbox Connections - a 6-week program for parents and pre-schoolers begins March 24, at 9:30 a.m. Strengthen the parent-child relationship through love, language and literacy. For more information, register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

Town signs Early Payment Agreement #3

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warning that "it's very difficult to meet some of those goals," and arguing that phasing-in of the infrastructure could have allowed the development of some projects along the 400 without ending up with a "30 year mortgage on a 12-year debt."

But other Council members supported the agreement. Councillor James Leduc spoke in favour of the EPA, and the development of the Hwy. 400 employment lands. "I think we need to bring these jobs to Bradford," Leduc said. "We're in a good position right now - we got the agreement we asked for. I think we can get some great opportunities out there."

"In the history of every municipality there's a time when it's your time," added Mayor White, suggesting that Bradford West Gwillimbury is where Mississauga was in the 1950s, and Brampton in the 1970s.

"Bradford has the best remaining location in the GTA," he said, pointing out that even

though the economy changes, and jobs are lost in certain sectors, "each year there are more jobs in the GTA than the year before."

White called the Early Payment Agreement "the fiscally conservative thing to do" - and the best way to shift the tax burden from the residential taxpayer. "We leveraged our location... to get these people to pony up an enormous amount of money."

Without moving forward with the Hwy. 400 lands, he warned, the Town will grow to a municipality of 50,000 commuters. "The jobs would be going somewhere else... That would infuriate me!"

Deputy Mayor Keffer continued to argue against, pointing to "over 100,000 hectares in the 'white belt'... available to be developed" - lands south of the Greenbelt, in Durham and Halton, that are still vacant.

And, Keffer said, the Hwy. 400 lands "are not idle lands. They are agricultural lands. They serve an important purpose, providing food...

I take exception when people say we are missing out on an opportunity."

Councillor Carl Hordyk called for a recorded vote. Voting in favour of EPA #3 were Councillors Hordyk, Ron Simpson, James Leduc, Peter Dykile Jr., and Mayor Doug White. Voting against were Councillor Lamb and Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer. Councillors Del Crake and Raj Sandhu were absent.

"We're fortunate to have people who are willing to invest in this Town," said Councillor Dykile. "We have to have a balanced portfolio... At the end of the day, we can't afford to keep passing on to Residential. We need Commercial/Industrial - that's the only way."

"We need to ensure our tax base is balanced as best as we can," said Councillor Leduc. "I think, in the end, the benefits are greater than the risks."

"The Town's evolving," said Mayor White. "It's a different place because of the vision of the people who came before."

Holland St. report

The Downtown Revitalization Committee heard a presentation by the Town's Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee on the state of Holland St., and as a result made a number of recommendations to Council, including repairing sidewalks where hazards exist; upgrading public parking lots; and assessing underground infrastructure.

On March 4, Director Mukherjee suggested that Council defer voting on the recommendations, until his staff have completed their report on the state of Holland Street, and made the same presentation to Councilors.

Council voted to receive the report of the Committee, approve a request for a staff report on a possible truck ban in the Downtown core - and defer the other recommendations to the next meeting, on March 18.



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